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AIR POLLUTION

EPA Aligns U.S. Aircraft Engine Rules

With International Nitrogen Oxide Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency is adopting a final rule

(<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/nonroad/aviation/aircraft-engine-nox-fm.pdf>) to reduce nitrogen oxides emissions from certain gas turbo engines used by commercial aircraft,...

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AIR POLLUTION

EPA Proposes Stricter Health Standard

For Fine Particles, Plus Visibility Standard

The Environmental Protection Agency announced proposed revisions

(<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/particlepollution/2012/proposal.pdf>) June 15 to air quality standards for particulate matter, with a more stringent health-based...

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AIR POLLUTION

Fifth Circuit Court Upholds EPA Decision

In Rejecting Certain Revisions to Texas SIP

HOUSTON--The Environmental Protection Agency did not abuse its discretion, act arbitrarily and capriciously, or exceed its statutory authority in disapproving certain revisions to Texas's state implementation plan, a federal appeals...

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DRILLING

EPA Sets Public Meeting on Fracking, Diesel

The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public meeting June 29 to discuss draft permitting guidance for hydraulic fracturing when diesel fuels are used in the fracking fluid. EPA said it will take both oral and written statements....

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DRILLING**Maryland Will Not Sue Chesapeake Energy
Over Natural Gas Blowout in Pennsylvania**

ANNAPOLIS, Md.--After investigating the 2011 blowout of a natural gas wellhead in neighboring Pennsylvania, Maryland officials announced June 14 that the state found no cause to pursue a lawsuit against Chesapeake Energy Corp....
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DRILLING**NRC Study Points to Greater Seismic Risks
In Carbon Sequestration Than From Fracking**

Hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas production poses only a low risk of triggering earthquakes strong enough for anyone to feel, but wastewater injection wells pose a larger risk, and an even greater risk may come from carbon capture and storage,...
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DRILLING**Supervisor of Wyoming Commission Resigns
After Saying Greed Motivated Pavillion Group**

DENVER-- The supervisor of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (<http://wogcc.state.wy.us/>) resigned June 14 after he commented that greed and desire for compensation were the reasons homeowners in a northwest Wyoming town...
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ENERGY**EPA Authorizes E15 Sales After Approving
Revised Misfueling Plan for Older Vehicles**

Dozens of companies may now begin selling gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol (E15) after the Environmental Protection Agency June 15 approved final revisions to a plan to prevent misfueling in older vehicles....
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ENERGY**EU Ministers Differ on Energy Road Map,
Back Compromise on Efficiency Legislation**

BRUSSELS--EU energy ministers failed June 15 to approve an energy road map that outlines the long-term power source mix for the 27 EU member states up to 2050 because of demands by Poland that coal-fired power stations using carbon capture be...
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ENERGY**Japan Urges Switch From Incandescent to LED Bulbs**

TOKYO--The Japanese government is asking consumers and businesses to switch from incandescent to LED bulbs to conserve energy. Japan is facing a summer electricity crunch, as all of its nuclear power reactors remain idle following the 2011...
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Energy Programs, Mandatory Spending**

Mandatory spending totaling \$800 million in the farm bill's energy title would be eliminated or otherwise undercut by a series of Republican amendments that have been filed to the legislation....
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ENERGY**Rule Would Bar Backing Mortgages With PACE Liens**

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) proposed a rule June 15 to prevent government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from backing mortgages on properties that have energy-retrofit loans from state and local governments...
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Over Local Agencies' CEQA Exemptions**

LOS ANGELES--The California Supreme Court handed down a ruling (<http://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/S188161.PDF>) June 14 that could limit lawsuits challenging local agency decisions

to exempt proposed projects from California...

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Court Finds Insurer Has No Duty to Defend

Oil Company for Contamination After Delivery

A heating oil delivery company's insurance policy will not cover the company's expenses for defending an environmental contamination suit, a New Jersey state court held in an unpublished per curiam opinion (Spartan Oil Co. v. New Jersey Property-Liability...

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MINING

Roadless Area Mining Exploration Projects

In Alaska Forest Get Forest Service Permits

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--The U.S. Forest Service has granted permits for three mining exploration projects in designated roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest--all continuations or expansions of current operations....

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EPA Science Panel Questions Data Used

To Develop Level of Concern for Atrazine

A panel of scientists expressed concern June 14 regarding the adequacy of data used by the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a level at which aquatic plants would not be affected by the widely used herbicide atrazine....

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PESTICIDES

EU Ruling in Pesticides Case Opens Door

For Challenges to Commission Decisions

BRUSSELS--An EU Court of Justice ruled (<http://bit.ly/LawFNb>) June 14 in a pesticide case that environmental advocacy groups can challenge a wide range of decisions made by the European Commission (Stichting Natuur en Milieu and Pesticide...

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Chemistry Council, Progressive Center Differ

On Industry Scientists Serving on EPA Panel

The American Chemistry Council and the Center for Progressive Reform disagree on whether industry scientists should be allowed to serve on an Environmental Protection Agency advisory committee on chemical risk assessments. ...

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SOLID WASTE

Proposed ITC Electronic Waste Survey

Raises Concerns From Advocacy Groups

The Electronics TakeBack Coalition, an electronics recycling advocacy group, said that a proposed International Trade Commission survey on the electronic waste industry does about not ask broad enough questions about e-waste disposal...

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Federal Agencies Release Second Updates

On Progress Toward Sustainability Goals

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European Chemicals Agency Abandons

Proposal to Restrict Use of Four Phthalates

BRUSSELS--A plan to use the European Union's REACH legislation to limit use of four phthalates will be dropped after an expert committee decided the restrictions could not be justified, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) said June...

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TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Study Links High Exposure to PFOA

To Increased Risk of Thyroid Disease

A study by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences links high exposure to perfluorooctanoic acid to increased risk of thyroid disease in children....

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Exported for Reuse to Limit Waste Dumping

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